

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ADB FUNDED PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Asian Development Bank has expressed resentment at inordinate delay in implementation of various projects financed by the Bank;
- (b) The total number of projects progressing as per schedule and the number of projects lagging behind schedule; and
- (c) The steps taken by the Government to ensure time bound completion of different projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) to (c) Asian Development Bank has expressed concern at the delay in Project implementation of some ADB assisted Projects. To ensure time bound completion of different projects, some of the steps taken by Government of India are ensuring adequate provisioning for externally aided projects, release of additional central assistance (ACA) as 100% additionality, advance release of ACA to the States, standardisation of bidding documents and streamlining of procurement procedures, setting up of project monitoring unit in the Department of Economic Affairs, disintermediation on flow of external aid to Central Public Sector Undertakings, besides holding review meetings with executing agencies and ADB New Delhi Office from time to time.

Of the 26 ongoing projects as of June 2000, 12 projects are progressing as per schedule while eight Projects are lagging behind schedule. Six projects are in the preliminary stages of implementation.